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AT ALL DRUG STORES

The Redfields.

BY LILLIAN W. HALE.

A STORY CONCERNING EVERYDAY PEOPLE. (Continued from last week.)

all its incredible swiftness, keep pace with the fierce impetuosity of the men, who flew to vengeance, as to the arms of a bride.

At four in the morning something about their car became disabled. Furious at the delay, they side-tracked it at the first station and went on the engine until they reached the large town where Aileen, had got the letter mailed. They had gained four hours over the regular time, and had gained two by Soule being obliged to double back, as the city of Elton was North and they were going South.

At this place they took on another Pullman and the two friends thought they would try to get a little sleep, as they were fatigued with their exertions and great anxiety.

Clinker was smoking and trying to drown thought in anticipating the joy of meeting his beloved again. Stanley strolling idly about the car, paused in the stateroom and thought he seemed to feel something, he knew not what; at last it came to him, that it was a certain delicate foreign perfume that Aileen used.

It recalled her as perfumes will all associations, he threw himself down in the seat and gave himself up for a few minutes to his almost insupportable sorrow.

Clinker could talk freely of his betrothed, and he did so until Stanley was utterly weary of his younger sister's many charms and virtues. To Stanley it was denied to even say that he loved Aileen; he must endure in silence. Clinker was well aware of the facts, but his honor, Stanley's honor, Aileen's honor, Gerald's, all forbade the utterance of a consoling word to his friend.

As Stanley leaned his head on the upholstered back of the seat, he saw a tiny corner of a white paper, in between the cushions of the seat and the back. Idly he pulled at it, tore it off, it had one word, "field" on the tiny fragment.

"Field—Redfield, I wonder what is on the rest; I think I have seen that writing before, yes, it looks like mine, I write '—field' that way, exactly when I sign my name, very odd—I'll get the other piece." He raised the cushion of the seat a trifle and easily secured the other piece.

He read: "friend,

"Elizabeth Red—"

The "field" torn off fitted the "Red". He went quickly to Clinker and showed it to him and told him how it was found.

"They have been on this car, where is that porter? Let us make him tell us all about it."

Clinker and Stanley both arose and went to seek the porter who was the same disagreeable yellow man that Aileen and Elizabeth had so much disliked.

Clinker stood in the aisle, while Redfield stood with his back to the door.

"I want you to tell me all you know of two ladies who occupied the stateroom in this car yesterday," said Stanley.

"Yistiddy, sah?"

"Yes, I have found part of a paper signed with my sister's name, she must have been in this car, and who was with her?"

"I isn't house' to answer no questions 'bout my passengers sah; the rules of dis road don't 'low it."

away from him, as he got two officers far to help move 'em. De white headed one, she most git away once; but de policeman done catch her, and dey git' em on nether special."

"Why didn't he run right through with this car, as we are doing?"

"Dumma sah, 'less he want to break de trail."

"That was it, Redfield, you see he would have been successful, if it had not been for the dry goods."

"Yes, he calls her his wife Clinker; did you hear? Oh, thank God that Elizabeth is with her! Oh my little sister, be faithful!" Stanley went to the other end of the car and fought his painful thoughts as best he might. Clinker pursued his questions and was relieved to learn that Richard did not intend his society upon Aileen and Elizabeth. The man made it evident that he expected to be rewarded for his information.

"Do you expect me to give you money? I will not; you will have to be satisfied with the capital you have secured from the other man. Did you find out his name?"

"No, sah," which was false, but to Clinker, was really immaterial. Clinker returned to Stanley.

"The only reason for his taking them to this obscure little port, is that he means to take them to sea. It will be an almost impossible task to search the high seas for them. Our only hope is in reaching them before they embark."

"Yes, I am almost mad with thinking of it. Of all the possible things, I have thought of his doing for vengeance, I never had the remotest dawn of thought of his doing this. Circumstances have strangely favored him. Of course if he asserts that Aileen is his wife and insane, how can they disprove it, at a moment's notice? Her most reasonable explanation, even if she had an opportunity to explain to anyone, would be set down as the vagaries of an unbalanced mind. No, there is little chance, and he has shown his wisdom in coming South to his own country, you may say, where the people would be slow to suspect, knowing nothing of his abducting two women. This train seems to crawl."

"We must get our mongrel to make our beds, we ought to sleep; we may have work before us, I think I can force myself to sleep."

"Mongrel? To be sure a mulatto is a mongrel."

"He is a mixture of negro and Chinese; just notice when he comes in, you will see the mongolian plainly."

"Yes, so he is. Well let us try to sleep."

The man sullenly arranged berths for the two men and they went to bed and, strange to say, did sleep, worn out with excitement and anxiety.

CHAPTER XVII.

When Mr. Redfield related to his wife privately, the abduction of Aileen and Elizabeth, she said at once:

"I do not believe it! It is absurd to suppose that two grown women, of more than average common sense can be carried off in this day. Those boys seem to think they are in the middle ages. Suppose Richard Soule did buy a stock of women's clothes, he may have a wife, we can't possibly tell about that, at any rate a man of wealth and position, no doubt, has abundance of lady friends whom he might wish to present with pretty clothes on occasion; it is not unusual. You will see the girls coming in at any moment; and find these boys gone off on such a wild chase, with special train service. Of course, if he secured them, he could not travel two-thirds the length of the United States without their having an opportunity to elude him. Besides, what in the world did he want of Elizabeth? I don't believe he ever saw her."

"I hope you are right, my dear, but you underestimate the power of a man who has great ability and much money; if he only bribes lightly enough, all the resources of the country are his momentarily, and for a flitting like this, he will not need them for long, but be past and beyond reach before the pursuers find his trail."

Mrs. Redfield grew very grave.

"I see, that it may be possible, but not probable, anyway. I think we had better not tell Mrs. Soule about it, for she is already full with the terrible strain of her son's trouble. I will go and see her, but not tell her anything until we have more positive news. It has been a miserable day, I do miss Elizabeth so dreadfully, and Stanley too, he is keeping office for Stanley, and spends most of his time there."

"Well, let us hope they will be found. Mrs. Soule might know of some of the movements that Richard would be likely to make, if it will be safe to tell her. I do hope Gerald will not hear of this; it would make his confinement awful torture."

"It would almost drive him mad, to have his wife at the mercy of his rival while he is himself in prison. Stanley and Tom have been exceedingly careful in concealing the object of the journey and I do not think it will get into the papers. I think I shall just advertise in my paper that they have left the city for a few days on a business trip, that will satisfy undue curiosity. Well, I must go back. I have a dozen editorials on my hands. Good-bye." He kissed his wife and went out.

"I will wait until Stanley comes from school before I go to Mrs. Soule. She occupied herself about the house and attending to the numerous wants of her

small granddaughter, who stood at the window and presently announced.

"An'—Thank comin' wiv man." Mrs. Redfield too, looked from the window and saw Stanley coming up the walk with Paul Lindsay.

"Thank heaven, she is happy!" said her mother.

When they came in, she told of the fears for the girls, and of her disbelief of Richard being able to successfully abduct two women.

"I think you have every reason to fear it may be true, Mrs. Redfield," said Paul.

"While we were conducting explorations in Yucatan in the scientific researches I have been for the last few years concerned, I became quite well acquainted with him. He joined our expedition and his knowledge and experience of many people and things were of great use to us; he had, for some years, spent much time exploring the Gulf coast and he could do much with a vessel of his own that we could not. He certainly knows much about the Gulf and the Isthmus. If he decided that he wished to carry off women, I would back him, to a heavy amount, to succeed. It is most fortunate that Stanley and Clinker lost no time."

Thankful felt exceedingly sorrowful; somehow, she told Paul privately, she did not think they would be overtaken. "He means to take them to sea; you say he has his yacht always ready at a moment's notice; of course he only cares for Aileen. He will murder Elizabeth; what is to prevent him?"

"But why should he take her?"

"I think she started to go with Aileen to Elton, and he saw no way to get rid of her without her telling tales, so the only thing he could do to insure his own safety was to take her along. It's perfectly plain, don't you see?"

"I think you are right, my darling; and God send our men success in overtaking them. I wish I was with them. It is very exhilarating to ride on a special in a life and death race. I hope they were careful to get new engines, old ones are liable to break down in a race, like old horses."

"I am going to see Mrs. Soule now, Thankful, take care of the baby. It is dreadful for her to be alone in this awful suspense, it will almost kill her to think of Aileen in danger."

"I think Aileen is pretty well able to defend herself," said Thankful, "but still—"

Mrs. Redfield went, and Thankful and Paul talked the matter over in every light Paul dismissed the idea that Thankful had of their going to sea, and made her think it most improbable; but privately, he had no doubt that should Soule reach the sea first, it would be long before the girls were seen again by their friends. If Soule was smart enough to get a special engine he would be able to distance them, he had so many hours start of them. If on an ordinary express train, they might gain on them sufficiently to overtake them, but he felt far from sanguine.

Mrs. Redfield found Mrs. Soule exceedingly anxious. She felt that any truth was better than harrowing, nerve destroying uncertainty, so, gently as she could, she told her of what their fears were concerning Aileen, that Elizabeth, they thought, had been taken merely to prevent her telling what had become of Aileen.

Like many delicate and nervous people, Mrs. Soule bore this news with surprising fortitude, and her clear mind grasped it at once.

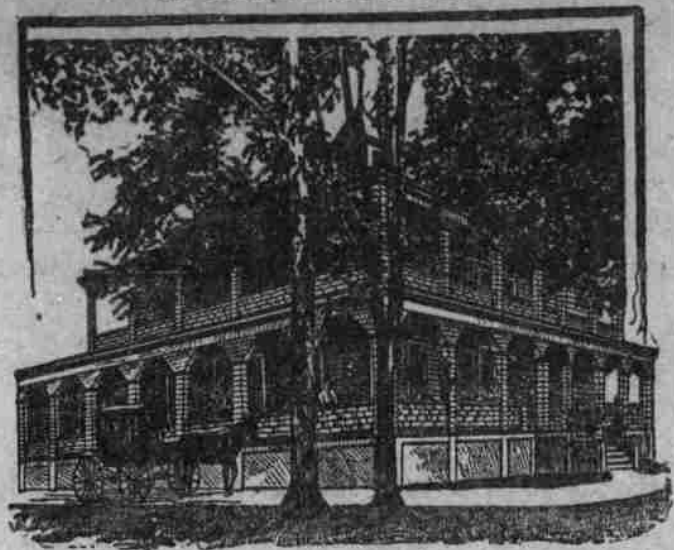
"I have no doubt of it, my dear friend, thank you for telling me; it is entirely in keeping with Richard's character. It is my opinion that he has discovered that Dellah has confessed. She may have informed him of it herself. It is his way to leave an irreparable injury behind him, if he is forced from any wish and not allowed to realize it. While I feel deeply for your distress and anxiety in the disappearance of Elizabeth, it is favorable for them to escape. Aileen has great coolness and good judgment and I do not believe he will be able to conceal her altogether."

"Where do you think he has taken them, Mrs. Soule?"

"He has an old house in central Georgia; not near any town, and a place of few inhabitants, and few of these white. If he took them there, Stanley and Mr. Clinker could rescue them with-

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The man held out for two minutes, and then began to reflect that he was under no bond not to tell all he knew, which was, in his opinion, very little.

"I don't see any good reason for not telling you gentlemen what I know, I don't know much. Sometime durin' night befo' last, two ladies was fetched to dis car and put in de stateroom. De gem'man dat was wid 'em he carry one and a porter from de train dey left carried de other. De gem'man said as one lady was his wife. She was clear crazy and he have to give her de dose to put her asleep, and de other one he said was his wife's sister, he done put her to sleep too. Dey bofe sleep till yistiddy night noon, den dey eat little fruit on stuff, on I waited on dem, and when our run done and at Atlanta, he change again, an he tell people not to mind what either of de ladies says, 'cause dey's tryin' to run